



(Top) Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander (left), pilots a C-17 Globemaster III from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii with Maj. James Pasquino, 15th Wing executive officer, for an air-to-air refueling July 18. It was during Roscoe's first flight since taking command of the 15th Wing.

(Left) Col. Johnny Roscoe, 15th Wing commander, and Maj. Alan Partridge, 15th Wing commander's action group, board a C-17 Globemaster III from the 535th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, after greeting the maintenance officer, 2nd. Lt. Greg Hoyt, of 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The flight was part of the Rim of the Pacific military exercise, the largest naval exercise in the world.

Photo illustration | U.S. Air Force photos by Capt. Ben Sakrison

U.S. Navy EOD unit shares training, fosters international partnerships

MC1 Ernesto Bonilla

RIMPAC Combined Information Bureau

Sailors from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 11 participated in joint training operations July 16-22 with Australian, Canadian and Russian explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) units during exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012.

Training activities for the EOD members during the month-long RIMPAC include shooting drills, fast roping, simulated underwater demolition and improvised explosive device (IED) disposal.

Lt. Eric Bond, an EODMU 11 battle watch captain, said the exercise was an excellent opportunity to strengthen ties with participating countries and to share methods and training. He said that RIMPAC is not as much about the exercise scenarios as it is about bringing together military members from other countries and getting to know them.

"If we go to, or run, oper-

ations in Australia or Canada, we know exactly what these guys can do," said Bond. "We know their capabilities and we can seamlessly integrate."

During the first week, small familiarization operations were conducted "to assess each other's capabilities and TTPs (tactics, training and procedures) to make sure we're all playing the same game," said Bond.

While Sailors from EODMU 11 and participating nations share similar missions, there are some differences between the explosive ordnance disposal units and the types of missions each performs. These differences include equipment, techniques, logistics and locations for IED and ordnance disposal.

"Other units are a little more hands-on than we are," said Bond. "We try to do everything as remotely as we possibly can with the use of robots and pull lines. They have interesting ways of dealing with things remotely without the tools we use. It's a lot of fun to see."

Explosive Ordnance



U.S. Navy explosive ordnance disposal technicians show off their equipment during a distinguished visitor visit, while participating in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Anderson C. Bomjardim

Disposal Technician 2nd Class Stephan Blanz, a member of EODMU 11, said the tactical differences

between the militaries were a catalyst for promoting knowledge sharing.

"During a shooting evo-

lution, we ran drills with Canadian and Australian personnel, demonstrating tactics such as barricaded

shooting, how to scope around cover, and how to take accurate shots while exposing as little of yourself as possible," said Blanz.

In addition to knowledge sharing, Able Seaman Clearance Diver Kevin McEwan, assigned to Australian Navy Clearance Diving Team Four, said he formed lasting friendships with the other divers during the exercises.

"When you work with other (foreign) operators, you also become mates and you never know, some day you might be somewhere like Afghanistan, and you'll have an idea of how they get things done," said McEwan.

The world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2012 is the 23rd exercise in the series that began in 1971.

'Dogs' lend invisible hand in saving lives

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

15th Wing Public Affairs

From ordering medical supplies and equipment for the 15th Medical Group (15th MDG) clinic, storing medical war reserve materials and homeland defense medical supplies, to inspecting first aid kits, "Log Dogs" of the 15th MDSS Medical Logistics flight do everything they can to make sure medical supplies are ordered, received and delivered in a timely manner.

"Without us, the clinic wouldn't be able to function," said Senior Airman Desiree O'Gwin, medical materiel journeyman. "Even though they don't actually see us doing what we do, we actually play a big part in the clinic."

Beyond providing clinics with-



Members of the 15th Medical Logistics flight assemble a pallet in hangar 4 during a 15th Medical Group training day session July 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

they need to take care of patients, the medical logistics flight is responsible for ensuring deploying medical teams have everything they need to establish clinics in austere locations.

"It's important that if any of our assemblages do get tasked to go overseas, the medical tents, supplies and equipment we store are ready for any mission they get tasked for," said Staff Sgt. Freddy Arriaga, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of storage and distribution. "It's important because if it doesn't get done or if there are items that are unserviceable, then the medics can't do their job when they get into theater."

Arriaga said that, while a lot of people don't know or recognize the work that the "log dogs" do, anytime a lab technician draws blood or a doctor listens to a heartbeat, the impact of the medical logistic flight's

mission is felt. This fosters a partnership between the flight and the "custodians" who use the products they supply, O'Gwin said.

"I have contact with custodians, and I know what they need to function on a daily basis and what they're running out of," O'Gwin said. "I am their go-to person to get them the stuff that they need and to get it to them on time."

One thing the "log dogs" do have in common with other more visible medical personnel is the consistent focus on customer care and saving lives.

"If we don't supply the clinic here with everything that they need, if we're not able to do our job, then the med group can't do their job; they can't see patients," Arriaga said. "They'll be turned away, and that's something that we really don't want to happen."

Diamond Tips

Olympics ... it's about representing your country

Master Sgt. Eric L. Mixon

First Sergeant, 747th Communications Squadron

Well it's getting to be that time of year, which only occurs every four years, where I witness some of the greatest competition the world has to offer ... that's right, the Summer Olympics.

As I have been watching the Olympic trials for the past couple of weeks, I couldn't help but reflect back on some of the greatest Olympic moments I could remember: performances from Michael Johnson, Mary Lou Retton, Kerri Strug, Carl Lewis, the Dream Team, Flo-Jo, Rulon Gardner and Derek Redmond, just to name a few.

I remember watching

them as they competed and their reactions afterwards, win or lose. But it's not just reactions, pure emotion, passion, made manifest by tears of joy or sadness, collapsing in elation or anguish, embracing the American flag and running around the stadium waving the red, white and blue or clutching onto it in defeat, as if to say, I am sorry, I failed you.

So why? What would elicit such an emotional response? This is the question I was contemplating during my reflection, when the answer hit me ... and here it is: For 19.30 seconds, they get to do what you do every day. They get to represent their country. For one minute 42 seconds, they are able to feel what you are able to feel every day—pride because they symbolize what is great about their country. For three minutes 32 seconds,

they feel the weight, the responsibility, of being the few to represent the many—a weight and responsibility you bear daily.

So as you watch this year's Olympic Games, take note of the excitement you see in the athletes' faces, watch them as they walk proudly in during the opening ceremony, watch them as they put every ounce of effort in their being to achieve gold, and represent their country to the best of their ability.

And while you watch, remind yourself, I do that every day, and ask yourself, "How have I done? Have I given a gold, silver, bronze medal effort?"

(Diamond Tips are provided by Air Force first sergeants to address concerns in the Air Force community and provide guidance to Airmen.)



U.S. Navy photo

A live-fire RIMPAC 2012 exercise sank the ex-USS Kilauea (T-AE-26) in waters off the coast of Kauai July 22.

Third SINKEX during RIMPAC

RIMPAC Control Information Bureau

A live-fire exercise, part of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2012, sank the ex-USS Kilauea (T-AE-26) in waters 15,480 feet deep, 63 miles off the coast of Kauai at 9:32 a.m. July 22.

A sink exercise (SINKEX) benefits the U.S. Navy and participating allies and partners by providing crews the opportunity to gain proficiency in tactics, targeting and live firing against surface targets, which enhances combat readiness of deployable units.

"HMAS Farncomb's success reminds us yet again of the invaluable role submarines play in modern warfare," said Stuart Mayer, combined forces maritime component commander, commodore. "RIMPAC allows us to train with our allies

for a worst case scenario in a real life environment."

Former Navy vessels used in SINKEXs are prepared in strict compliance with regulations prescribed and enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Strict environmental compliance is observed during all SINKEXs. Each SINKEX is required to sink the hulk in at least 1,000 fathoms (6,000 feet) and at least 50 nautical miles from land.

Surveys are conducted to ensure that humans and marine mammals are not in an area where they could be harmed during the event.

Ex-USS Kilauea was an ammunition ship commissioned in August 1968, decommissioned and transferred to military sealift command in October 1980 and deactivated in September 2008.

Community Service Award deadline is July 31

MC2 Heidi McCormick

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The deadline to submit nominees for the 2012 Navy Community Service Program (NCSP) is July 31.

All Navy commands are eligible to compete. The rating period for the award is from June 2011 to July 2012.

The NCSP is a program that encourages service members to volunteer their time to help make a difference in the community. Volunteers donate their skills as well as their time by providing humanitarian assistance and promoting anti-drug and healthy lifestyles for the local communities.

Sailors and Marines are encouraged to work together with community organiza-

tions such as businesses, colleges or health care centers, striving to improve quality of life and education in the area.

"Community service is a vital part in our partnerships around the world. Positive interaction goes a long way in maintaining those relationships with the communities," said Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Command Master Chief Brian Ortega.

According to the evaluation criteria, nominees should show hard work and dedication in five main categories, including personal excellence partnership. The youth partnership focus is on developing the community youth's potential in learning civic responsibility. Volunteers serve as role models, tutors and mentors, helping to improve social

and life skills.

Other "flagship" categories include environmental stewardship, Project Good Neighbor, Campaign Drug Free, and health, safety and fitness. There is also a Bainbridge Award for overall excellence.

Commands can submit one package per flagship and must include a letter of endorsement from the commanding officer for regional award consideration. Packages must include a short detailed narrative describing the community service program.

To submit a nomination package, fill out the forms on the NCSP link, found on Navy Region Hawaii's homepage at <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/hawaii>.

Message on Colorado shootings

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life, at the cost of his own.

"These acts of heroism and sacrifice are the essence of what military service is about — putting your life on the line to defend those who are part of the American family.

"Let us all honor the victims of this tragedy by committing ourselves to the hard work and sacrifice of protecting this country. Bravery, courage and dedication are the hallmarks of our men and women in uniform — our heroes.

"May God bless each and every one of you and the United States of America."

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta's message on the Colorado shootings

Memorial services planned

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sports offered on the installation. He rooted for the Denver Broncos, L.A. Clippers and L.A. Kings and was a big fan of comics and superheroes.

Larimer, 27, was a cryptologic technician assigned to the Naval Information Operations Command. He joined the Navy in 2011.

"I am incredibly saddened by the loss of Petty Officer John Larimer," said Cmdr. Jeffrey Jakuboski, Larimer's commanding officer, in a statement. "He was an outstanding shipmate. A valued member of our Navy team, he will be missed by all who knew him. My heart goes out to John's family, friends and loved ones, as well as to all victims of this horrible tragedy."

A memorial service is expected to be held for both service members. More information on dates and times will be posted on Buckley AFB's website when available.

Diverse Views



"What do you think could be done to prevent mass shootings like the Aurora, Colo. tragedy?"

Ship's Serviceman 2nd class Andre Bogus
Fleet and Family Readiness Program

"Not allowing costumes to be worn in movie theaters, especially masks."



Staff Sgt. Anastasia Christie
561 Network Operations Squadron Det. 1

"Doctors and psychiatrists could help to diagnose people who may be having mental problems and might be at risk to do something like this."

Culinary Specialist 1st class Jerome Condevillamar
Fleet and Family Readiness Program

"Always be vigilant no matter where you are, no matter if it's day or night, on duty or off duty."



Chief Culinary Specialist Nixon Galan
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

"Always be aware of anything out of the ordinary. If someone is acting out of character, or doing things they wouldn't normally do, that should signal that something is wrong. It's the same principle we use in the Navy."

Brian Kelly
Analytical Services

"Any kind of behavioral changes should be reported to a higher authority. Don't overlook it, even if you think it might be nothing."



Senior Airman Brian Konvalin
96 Aircraft Maintenance Unit

"Actions like this might be brought on by a person's upbringing. Raising and teaching a person discipline from childhood would be a good place to start."

(Provided by MC2 Heidi McCormick)

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views? Got opinions to share?

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Flatbed takes fighter to theater premiere

In May 1950, the 199th Fighter Squadron of the Hawaii Air National Guard used a flatbed trailer to transport an F-47 "Thunderbolt" fighter aircraft from the former Hickam Air Force Base into Honolulu in the early hours of the morning. The fighter was displayed at a drive-in theater lot on Kapiolani Boulevard in conjunction with the premiere showing of the movie "12 O'Clock High."

Photos courtesy of T. Merrill



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Canadian Chief of Defense Staff Gen. Walter Natynczyk speaks with Canadian Army and U.S. Marines July 21, at Pohakuloa Training Area, (PTA) Hawaii, while touring the training area use during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2012.

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Welcome RIMPAC

Please respect Hawaii's *aina*

Becky Hommon

Navy Region Hawaii
Environmental Counsel

Many Hawaii residents believe in the concept of “*aloha aina*” – love of the land - which is marked by stewardship and reverence for the environment, attributing spiritual power to the earth and its features as well as wildlife.

- While on R&R or during an op, watch out for the highly endangered Hawaiian monk seal resting on beaches as well as turtles near coral or in the near shore. Both are endangered species and have the right of way. Don't get near them even though others might do so. Take pictures with high powered lenses.
- While snorkeling or diving, do not step on or hit coral with fins. Please watch where you put your feet. Coral is alive and hitting it breaks and kills it. Exposing your bare skin to coral can result in painful cuts and possible infection.

- Hiking near or in fresh water streams has two invisible risks beyond the usual “trip and fall”: flash floods and catching a disease called leptospirosis due to wild animals (pigs mostly) that live in the uplands. Their feces contain bacteria that drains into the streams. The disease can cause severe nausea, chills, high fever which manifests 7 to 14 days after exposure and, in worst cases, can be fatal.
- Hikes that lead off usual trails can lead to a very narrow, steep path where turning around is impossible. Deaths have recently occurred when hikers lost their way or tried to take short cuts only to fall to their deaths. Don't make a rescuer risk his or her life to come get you because of your bad choice.
- Kayaking to, or landing on, several of the islands offshore of Oahu is illegal as they are bird sanctuaries and monk seal resting places. People are on shore watching with binoculars and will

report the trespass. Authorities could be waiting upon your return to shore.

- Rip tides kill several every year as people swim far off shore and get caught, then try to fight their way back. Swim parallel to the shore until the tide shifts, which could be a very long time.
- Jelly fish can be seen in the water and cause burns as they tangle around feet or arms. Signs are usually posted when they are present. They usually arrive on the tides seven to 11 days after full moon.
- Reef fish are not good eating as they may contain a toxin (ciguatera) and are usually too small to be of much value. While no fishing license is needed to fish from shore in Hawaii, there are size minimums and catch limits for many kinds of fish. The best choice is to leave the fish in the sea and enjoy them while snorkeling rather than injuring and wasting them.



Amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) hosted a hockey game on the flight deck between Sailors from the "Iron Gator" and marines from Canada while underway for the RIMPAC exercise 2012.

U.S. Navy photo by
MC2 Marcus L. Stanley

RIMPAC activities continue during first week of August

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Morale, Welfare and Recreation has a variety of activities during the first week of August for all RIMPAC commands in Hawaii.

Visit “RIMPAC Central” located across the street from Bravo Piers 23 and 24 at Hotel Pier.

For complete and updated information on all of the activities, visit the website www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Some of the upcoming events include:

Aug. 2

- A Makapuu full-moon hike will be held along the eastern-most tip of Oahu. The cost is \$10 per person and a minimum of six people is required to participate. The hike departs RIMPAC Central at 6 p.m. and returns at 10 p.m.

Aug. 3

- Explore Oahu's most popular sites with an around-the-island tour. The cost is \$20 per person and a minimum of six people is required. The activity

departs RIMPAC Central at 10 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m.

Aug. 4

- Kayak Haleiwa River on Oahu's North Shore. The cost is \$20 per person and a minimum of six people is required. The activity departs RIMPAC Central at 10 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m.

Aug. 5

- Hike the Nuuanu-Judd forest and pond area. The activity costs \$10 person and departs RIMPAC Central at noon with a return time of 4 p.m.

Aug. 6

- Snorkel Sharks Cove on the North Shore of Oahu. The cost is \$20 per person and a minimum of six people is required. The activity departs RIMPAC Central at 9 a.m. and returns at 1 p.m.

Aug. 7

- Participate in a Bellows Beach day and barbecue at a cost of \$25 per person. A minimum of six people is required. The activity departs RIMPAC Central at 9 a.m. and returns at 1 p.m.



Department of Defense photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth

Petty Officer 2nd Class John Wise, assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eleven (EODMU-11), acts as safety observer while a Canadian diver fast ropes out of an MH-60S Sea Hawk helicopter from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 4 (HSC-4). Australian, Canadian and U.S. forces took part in the fast rope training over Marine Corps Base Hawaii during the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.



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U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Bradley Washington from Company E, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay fires a 155mm white phosphorous round from a M777 Lightweight howitzer July 21, during Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2012 at Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights



Col. Johnny Roscoe (right), 15th Wing commander, converses with David Johnston, governor general and commander-in-chief of Canada, upon his arrival July 19 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, for a visit during the Rim of the Pacific military exercise.

U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Ben Sakrisson

(Below) Sailors assigned to Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) pick up trash during an adopt-a-highway roadside cleanup. PMRF adopted four miles of highway adjacent to the base in support of the state of Hawaii Department of Transportation's adopt-a-highway program. More than 40 Sailors collected 20 bags of garbage.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jay C. Pugh



Lt. Col. Randy Sauer and Maj. Jeff Milburn, both KC-135 Stratotanker pilots assigned to the 465th Air Refueling Squadron from Tinker Air Force Base, Texas, perform pre-flight checks during the Rim of the Pacific 2012.

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Bradley C. Church

Native Hawaiian *kupuna*, "Uncle" Tom Takahashi blesses Richard Speer, vice president of the civil and transportation department manager for URS Corporation, during a cultural site dedication of the Aegis Ashore Missile Defense Test Complex (AAMDTC) at Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai. AAMDTC will be a joint venture between URS Corporation and Hensel Phelps Construction Company. The test complex at PMRF is critical to the development of the Aegis ashore capability.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Mathew J. Diendorf



(Left) The Virginia-class attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) arrives in Busan for a routine port visit. Hawaii is on a scheduled deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Jared Apollo Burgamy



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 David Mercil

(Above) The Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS Louisville (SSN 724) is moored at Fleet Activities Yokosuka as part of its deployment to the western Pacific region.

Year of the Chief flag travels to USS Arizona Memorial

Karen S. Spangler

Managing Editor

Navy chiefs and senior chiefs displayed the Year of the Chief flag July 16 on the USS Arizona as part of the Year of the Chief activities. Year of the Chief began April 1 and continues through March 30, 2013.

The Year of the Chief (YOTC) flag is a traveling flag that debuted at Navy Region Hawaii at the Fleet Store Navy Exchange on May 21. That venue provided an opportunity for Navy chiefs to educate the public about the focus of Year of the Chief—to honor all chief petty officers (CPO), past and present, who have served.

“The YOTC is designed to celebrate the life of a chief petty officer, both past and present. It is a true honor to be Navy Region Hawaii’s YOTC coordinator, to be able to play such a valued role in this region and be part of something as big as this is,”



Photo courtesy of Chief Civil Engineer (SCW) Rolando Cayetano

Displaying the Year of the Chief flag July 16 at USS Arizona Memorial: Senior Chief Navy Counselor (SW/AW) Tyrone Jiles, region career counselor for Navy Region Hawaii; Senior Chief Operations Specialist (SW/AW) James Hastings from U.S. Pacific Fleet, Year of the Chief coordinator for Navy Region Hawaii; Chief Boatswain’s Mate Maricel Julian, leading chief petty officer for JBPHH USS Arizona Memorial Det; and Construction Electrician Chief (SCW) Rolando Cayetano from CBMU 303 Det Pearl Harbor.

said Senior Chief Operations Specialist (SW/AW) James Hastings from U.S. Pacific Fleet, Year of the Chief coordinator for Navy

Region Hawaii.

Each year the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation selects a community to honor in “the year of” program. This is the

first time that the chief community has been selected.

“The Navy Memorial has, and continues to be, the driving force for us and, we will

continue to support them and the Wounded Warrior foundation for this year and the years to come,” Hastings said.

The YOTC flag at Navy Region Hawaii has previously been displayed in the CPO mess of the Battleship Missouri Memorial and Oceans CPO Club. The next proposed location for the YOTC flag is on the submarine side of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“The Year of the Chief is a historic event in our Navy, the first time the U.S. Navy Memorial is spotlighting the chief’s community and their contributions to our Navy. It makes me feel important to be part of the YOTC committee because it honors all chiefs who have served, past and present,” said Construction Electrician Chief (SCW) Rolando Cayetano from CBMU 303 Det Pearl Harbor.

According to Cayetano, the unique thing about the Navy Region Hawaii YOTC flag is that the CPO Messes

in the region have been ordering streamers to hang on the YOTC flag to show pride and represent their command/mess. He explained that the goal at the end of the Year of the Chief is to have all CPO Messes in the region represented on the flag on an embroidered streamer.

The region YOC committee has also proposed that the flag be donated to the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. at the end of the Year of the Chief.

“It makes me feel proud to be a chief, celebrating with other chiefs not only in [Navy] Region Hawaii but also all over the world. It does not matter what community you belong to, a chief is a chief ... the Year of the Chief should remind each and every chief of that September day we all don those anchors and from that day, we then were called ‘the chief,’” Cayetano said.

For more information about Year of the Chief, visit <http://on.fb.me/OFyrCT>.

Pacific Partnership 2012 concludes visit to Vietnam

MC2 Kristopher Regan

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VINH, Vietnam (NNS) – Pacific Partnership 2012 (PP12) concluded its visit to Vinh, Vietnam on July 24.

Aboard Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), the PP12 team of more than 1,200 crew spent 14 days by the invitation of Vietnam to take part in a multitude of events.

While in Vietnam, PP12 providers conducted more than 12,000 medical treatments, performed 207 surgeries, conducted nearly 4,000 treatments on 1,600 livestock and domestic animals, and completed renovations and a new building for two health clinics.

“This particular mission had excellent collaboration with the



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Stephen M. Votaw

Rear Adm. Russell Penniman, the reserve deputy commander and chief of staff for U.S. Pacific Fleet, greets local Vietnamese women during the closing ceremony for Pacific Partnership 2012’s port mission in Vietnam.

Vietnamese — local government, national government, health care professionals and our planning teams,” said Capt. Timothy Hinman, commanding officer of

Mercy’s medical treatment facility.

“We truly learned from each other and had a professional exchange, each coming away better for the experience.”

In addition to saying goodbye to Vietnam, PP12 bid farewell to their Japanese counterparts as Mercy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Ship Oosumi (LST 4001) sailed separate ways.

The mission’s operations officer, Lt. Cmdr. William Blodgett, worked closely during the initial planning of the mission and each day during mission execution.

“The JMSDF sailors are very professional, with a

distinct culture and strong work ethic,” said Blodgett. “There was good camaraderie, and we had a lot of fun working together on the mission. They will be missed; however, we look forward to working with them again soon.”

Oosumi and its crew joined PP12 for the two mission ports of the Philippines and Vietnam, bringing health care providers to the medical and dental sites and participating in cultural exchanges with youth and adults in Vinh.

The PP12 multinational, multi-organizational crew of host and partner nations and non-governmental organizations

(NGOs) worked in the fields of medical and dental, veterinarian and civil engineering and conducted community service projects and subject matter expert exchanges.

Among the participants in Vietnam were nurses from University of Hawaii.

“I would like to thank government of Vietnam, but also the local citizens for the incredible support they provided,” said Morgan. “Without the help and local knowledge, we would not have been able to accomplish so much.”

PP12 is now headed to Sihanoukville, Cambodia for its fourth and final mission port.



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Navy participates in 10th Annual DOD Hawaii Small Business Forum

Denise Emsley

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawaii and NAVFAC Pacific participated in the 10th Annual Department of Defense (DOD) Hawaii Small Business Forum held July 12 at the Honolulu Country Club.

"I was pleased to represent NAVFAC as part of the DOD discussion panel that covered 2013 planned procurements by federal



contracting offices," said Capt. John Coronado, NAVFAC Hawaii commanding officer. "Although there are fewer dollars for purchases, all federal agencies understand the need for continuing to support small businesses."

This annual forum, sponsored by Hawaii area DOD small business specialists, invited all

Hawaii business owners to a full day of learning about contracting opportunities within the local area.

It focused on educating local businesses on contracting opportunities with various military services.

The day's topics of interest included understanding the current federal financial contracting budget for fiscal year 2013, specific information on how to obtain General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedules, Safety Success by Gaining a Competitive Edge, the ABCs of Multiple Award Task Order Contracts, and Doing Business with the

Veterans Administration.

"The workshop I provided after the lunch break covered Safety Success on Navy Contracts – Gaining a Competitive Edge through Superior Safety Performance," said Michael Smat, NAVFAC Hawaii construction safety engineer. "It is extremely important for all of our contractors, especially those newly working for the government, to understand why they need to pay attention to safety, what the costs are for a proper safety program, and how it can save them money."

In addition, the afternoon provided opportunities for informa-

tion-seeking business owners to have one-on-one, or matchmaking sessions, with a combination of government contract specialists and large business owners to assist in finding the right fit for their provided service.

"This type of event is a wonderful way to bring the Hawaii business community together in a positive learning environment," said Jennifer McGuire, NAVFAC Hawaii deputy for small business. "The small business success stories shared at the forum provide inspiration to new business owners seeking to enter the government contracting arena."

Navy honors FEB executive director

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Navy Region Hawaii honored Gloria Uyehara, executive director of the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board (FEB), during a retirement ceremony held July 20 at the Honolulu Country Club. Uyehara has served 42 years with the FEB.

The role of the FEB in Hawaii is to assess local needs of federal agencies in the Pacific region and come up with ideas to improve them. According to Uyehara, "Our job is to partner agencies in promoting common work issues and bridge that communication gap in our local metropolitan area."

Some of the federal executive programs that benefit the Navy and the military include the emergency preparedness working group, Wounded Warrior Program, Combined Federal Campaign Working Group, diversity working group and human resources working group.

"Region personnel who have participated in these groups have appreciated your able guidance and direction. As you move into



Jon Isle (left) of Navy Region Hawaii presents Gloria Uyehara, executive director of the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board, with an American flag flown over USS Arizona, Battleship Missouri and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

a well deserved retirement, please accept the thanks of myself and the many region personnel who have benefited from the success of these Federal Executive Board programs," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific and an FEB member.

Uyehara received several commendations including letters from former presidents George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter. She was also

presented with a special American flag in her honor.

"We were pleased to present Gloria with a flag that had been flown over the USS Arizona Memorial, Battleship Missouri Memorial and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam," said Nadine Bayne, director of total force manpower for Navy Region Hawaii.

"The flag was presented on behalf of all Navy employees in Hawaii but it represents the best wishes of all federal employees here in the Pacific. Gloria has been inno-

vative, hardworking and visionary. She was the recipient of the OPM's (Office of Personnel Management) first-ever FEB Federal Executive Director Award," Bayne added.

"I join other federal executives in thanking Ms. Uyehara for her tremendous support to Navy Region Hawaii over many years. We congratulate her on the occasion of her retirement and pledge to continue our collaboration with Honolulu's Federal Executive Board in the years to come," said Bill Grandrath, executive director for Navy Region Hawaii.

Uyehara thanked her staff for their support during her tenure as executive director. "In the last eight years, I've been blessed with an outstanding highly skilled and committed office staff," she said.

There are more than 80,000 federal workers in the Pacific and a network of 28 FEBs located in areas of significant federal populations throughout the United States. Honolulu's FEB continues to foster communication, coordination and collaboration with federal, state and local government agencies.

Alternative energy projects at JBPHH

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think there are some strategic tradeoffs we can begin to make in terms of how we look at energy and for our allies as well."


Guests were treated to a special private tour aboard U.S. Navy-operated ferry boats that use clean fuel technology to shuttle passengers between the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center and the USS Arizona Memorial. The Navy operates the boats, which transport more than 1.5 million people a year and are using a combination of clean fuel technology propulsion and a bio-diesel blend.

"The main difference between these new boats and the old boats is the quietness of them," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Sellers Jenkins, who is assigned to the USS Arizona Memorial Detachment and is one of the boat operators for the biodiesel ferries that shuttle pas-

sengers to the memorial.

"The old boats were old-school Detroit diesel engines. They emitted a lot of smoke; you could actually smell the fuel burning. With these boats, they actually do not have any type of emissions whatsoever. They're much more quiet, they run a lot cleaner, and the actual boat structure itself is much lighter than the older boats," Jenkins explained.

Visitors also participated in a guided tour in which a fuel cell car was in the process of being refueled at the renewable hydrogen fueling and production station at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. It is the only hydrogen station in Hawaii, and about 30 hydrogen-powered vehicles use the JBPHH station. Alternative energy test units, including solar and wind power, are also a part of the program of research and development at the station.




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